

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently amended):      A network system in which ~~a first, a second and a third network apparatuses~~ a user apparatus, a company apparatus and a recycling center apparatus are interconnected through a network, wherein:

said ~~first network~~ user apparatus comprises request designating means for designating request for ~~purchasing a new item or picking up a pick-up item to be recycled~~ picking-up including a method of paying a charge for the picking-up of a secondhand item; place designating means for designating a place where ~~said purchasing or~~ the picking-up of the secondhand item is performed; and communication means for notifying ~~the request information designated by said request designating means~~ the request content, designated by said request designating means, including the method of paying the charge for the picking-up of the secondhand item and the place designated by said place designating means to said ~~second network~~ company apparatus through said network;

said ~~second network~~ company apparatus comprises input means for inputting request ~~information regarding the request for purchasing a new item or picking up an item~~ the request content including the method of paying the charge for the picking-up of the secondhand item and ~~the place information regarding a place where said purchasing or~~ the picking-up of the secondhand item is performed from said ~~first network~~ user apparatus through said network;

output means for outputting ~~a purchasing date of~~ information regarding a pick-up date of the secondhand item to said ~~first network user~~ apparatus through said network to inform a requester of ~~the purchasing date or the pick-up date of the secondhand item;~~ and completion information acquiring means for acquiring information regarding completion of said ~~pick-up~~ picking-up of the secondhand item from said ~~third network recycling center~~ apparatus through said network; and payment processing means for executing a payment process based on the method of paying the charge for the picking-up of the secondhand item input by said input means, in response to the notification of the completion information acquired from said completion information acquiring means; and

said ~~third network recycling center~~ apparatus comprises notifying means for informing said ~~second network company~~ apparatus of the information regarding the completion of said pick-up of the secondhand item after said ~~the completion of the picking-up of the secondhand item.~~

Claims 14-19 (Cancelled).